



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

REP. ANN BOLLIN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by Chair Bollin.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Absent: Rep. Whitsett.

Excused: Rep. Whitsett.

The Chair laid HB 4680, HB 4681, HB 4682, HB 4683, HB 4684, HB 4685 and HB 4686 before the committee:

HB 4680 (Rep. Fink)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," by amending the title and section 7 (MCL 15.307).

HB 4681 (Rep. Tate)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled "Open meetings act," by amending section 2 (MCL 15.262), as amended by 2001 PA 38.

HB 4682 (Rep. Roth)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts

with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 15.301).

HB 4683 (Rep. Beson)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," by amending section 9 (MCL 15.309).

HB 4684 (Rep. Bolden)

A bill to amend 1968 PA 318, entitled "An act to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts," (MCL 15.301 to 15.310) by adding section 7a.

HB 4685 (Rep. Tisdell)

A bill to require certain state officers to file financial disclosure reports; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; and to prescribe sanctions.

HB 4686 (Rep. Shannon)

A bill to amend 1973 PA 196, entitled "An act to prescribe standards of conduct for public officers and employees; to create a state board of ethics and prescribe its powers and duties; and to prescribe remedies and penalties," by amending sections 5 and 6 (MCL 15.345 and 15.346).

Nancy Wang, representing Voters Not Politicians, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Filler moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4680. The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wendzel moved to report out HB 4680 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to report out HB 4681 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4682. The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to report out HB 4682 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 4683 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4684. The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4684 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-0-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Wendzel.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified on HB 4685 and HB 4686.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4685. The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to report out HB 4685 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-0-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Wendzel.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4686. The motion prevailed 6-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Koleszar moved to report out HB 4686 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-0-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Wendzel.

The Chair laid HB 4690 and HB 4691 before the committee:

HB 4690 (Rep. Kahle)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the

powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 5 (MCL 4.415), as amended by 1986 PA 83.

HB 4691 (Rep. Sabo)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 4.411 to 4.431) by adding section 7a.

Representative Kahle testified in support of her bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Sabo testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

John Clore, testified on House Bill No. 4691.

Nancy Wang, representing Voters Not Politicians, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

At 12:21 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:22 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4691, but did not wish to speak:

Kathryn Sampson.

Sandra Carolan.

William Lethemon, Jr.

The following person submitted a card in support of HB 4690, but did not wish to speak:

William Lethemon Jr..

Sandra Carolan.

The Chair laid HJRD before the committee:

HJRD (Rep. Lasinski)

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 16 and 27 of article IV, to allow for the suspension of salaries and expense allowances for legislators, and to modify certain effective date and immediate effect provisions.

Minority Leader Lasinski testified in support of the House Joint Resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HJRD, but did not wish to speak:

Kathryn Sampson.

Sandra Carolan.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HJR D, but did not wish to speak:

Nancy Wang, representing the Voters Not Politicians.

The following people submitted a card in support of HJR D, but did not wish to speak:

Kathleen O'Laughlin, representing the Convention of States Action.

The Chair laid HCR 5 before the committee:

HCR 5	(Rep. Damoose)	A concurrent resolution to reaffirm states' rights under the United States Constitution to establish election laws.
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Representative Damoose testified in support of his concurrent resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Rebecca Behrends, testified in support of HCR 5.

Rachael Marcerro, representing Us Against Media, testified in support of HCR 5.

Patrice Johnson, representing the Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections, testified in support of HCR 5.

Janette Wearham, representing Guard the Vote, testified in support of HCR 5.

Sandra Carolan, representing the AFP, testified in support of HCR 5.

Gerry Clixby, testified in support of HCR 5.

The following people submitted a card in support of HCR 5, but did not wish to speak:

Dr. Kathryn Sampson.

William Lenthemon Jr..

Robert S. Brines.

Charlene Morris, representing Guard the Vote.

Kathleen O'Laughlin, representing the Convention of States Action.

Marlene Rofe.

Cliff Montri.

Judy Yanachik.

Susan Mikolajczak.

Matthew Mikolajczak.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HCR 5, but did not wish to speak:

Merissa Kovach, representing the ACLU of Michigan.

Nancy Wang, representing the Voters Not Politicians.

Representative Koleszar moved to excuse Representative Whitsett from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Ann Bollin adjourned the

meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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